

land and the authorities of Mer Rouge. The people were divided, some siding with the secret organization. Richards and Daniels were outspoken in their opposition, however, and Daniels was accused of having spied on secret meetings of the society.

On Aug. 24, the masked terrorists struck. A procession of automobiles going from Baton Rouge to Mer Rouge following a barbecue was held up in broad daylight by another car being hailed across the road so as to block it. Hooded men went down the long line, searching each machine. Richards and Daniels were dragged from their cars and, with three other men, thrown into another automobile and whisked away. Their three companions were tied to trees in the forest and whipped. Daniels is said to have snatched the mask from one man's face, and to have recognized him. This sealed his fate, and also the fate of Richards. They were carried deeper into the woods, and never seen alive again.

The search for the men continued for weeks, but without result. Finally, Gov. Parker became interested. "Troops were sent, because of the increasing power of the masked organization. Under supervision of the militia, the work of dragging Lake Cooper began, in hope of recovering the bodies. While this was going on, in the glare of acetylene lamps, an attack was made on a group of soldiers posted on a hilltop overlooking the lake. They opened fire, and the attackers fled. In view of later developments, this is seen as a ruse to centre attention on Lake Cooper, while the explosion was being set off at Lake Lafourche to dislodge the bodies. The blast at Lake Lafourche brought troops to the spot, and the corpses were recovered.

SHOPLIFTERS GET OFF WITH FINES OF \$25

Court Lenient With First Offenders Sends Others to Reformatory.

Five girls, convicted of shoplifting, were forgiven with fines of \$25 each in Special Sessions this morning. They were first offenders. Second offenders did not fare so well at the hands of Justices Murphy, French and Healy. Margaret Thompson, eleven, No. 14 Mount Morris Park West, was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd, in company with Lucille Bourke, twenty-six, No. 215 West 53rd Street. Both pleaded guilty to stealing toilet articles and articles of wear amounting to about \$10 in each case. Rose Cohen, sixteen, No. 634 East Fifth Street, was convicted of appropriating \$10 on the first day of her employment in a 14th Street store and sent to the Inwood Home. William Mack and Fred Dubois, oldtimers, were sent to the reformatory for thirty days and the other for five months.

AUTO OVERTURNS, BOY DIES, TWO HURT

Brothers and Sister in Fatal Crash in Merrick, L. I.

William Kandelin, aged fifteen, of Merrick, L. I., was killed to-day in an automobile accident and his brother, John, aged seventeen, is in the Nassau Hospital at Mineola with a fractured skull. Thelma was driving their sister, Miss Lema Kandelin, to the hospital, when she is employed, and was passing along Stewart Avenue, Garden City. The machine skidded in turning a corner and overturned. All three passengers were taken to the hospital, and William died immediately upon arriving there. John is considered to be in a critical condition. Lema was badly shaken up.

HARDING PLAYS SANTA FOR THREE PRISONERS

Two Slaves and a Forger Are Pardoned for Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Harding has extended a Christmas grant of clemency to three Federal prisoners, Thomas Parker, John Willard Delaney and John Carl Parker and Carl are confined at Leavenworth for manslaughter and second degree murder, respectively. Delaney was convicted in the United States District Court of Southern California for conspiracy to forge and pass United States currency. The sentences of Parker and Carl were commuted to expire Dec. 25, while Delaney will be released Dec. 24. Amnesty was extended to none of the so-called political prisoners.

SHOOT PAYMASTER, ESCAPE WITH \$20,000

Four Robbers Seize Christmas Payroll of Miners.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Four robbers to-day shot Ross Dennis, paymaster of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and escaped with a catchel containing about \$20,000 in currency. The hold-up occurred in the hills behind Mount Lebanon, near here, while a party of company officials was taking the Christmas pay to the miners at Reading, Pa.

Auto Biographies

Clifton Meek

Smith, auto tourist, New works in a shop. The Judge took his money for sassing a cop.

WOMAN DRY AGENT FINED AS SPEEDER DESPITE PROTEST

Magistrate Frowns on Her Plea That She Was Immune From Arrest.

(Special to The Evening World.) BABYLON, L. I., Dec. 23.—The idea that Prohibition agents are not amenable to the laws while in pursuit of their business was definitely exploded here to-day by Justice of the Peace Cooper when he fined Miss Isabella Primm, one of the few women Prohibition agents in the area, a fine of \$10 for exceeding the speed limit within the village of Babylon. Miss Primm maintained to the last that Prohibition agents should not be bound by speed limit legislation.

"I was on my way to keep an appointment at Greenport," she protested. "You were running your car thirty-four miles or more an hour and the limit is fifteen miles an hour," said Justice Cooper. "There is nothing about your business to license you to impair the limbs or lives of citizens." Traffic Policeman Thomas J. Tracey was the complainant against Miss Primm. The courtroom was crowded and the crowd was with Tracey. Loud laughter and applause greeted the cop when he said:

"If I thought she was chasing a bootlegger I'd have beaten her to the capture, for the rule is first come first served." Justice Cooper revealed to-day that Zone Chief Appleby and his agents Kerrigan and Hale, who came down here from New York yesterday and tried to bluff Policeman Tracey into withdrawing the charges against Miss Primm, also visited him and tried to influence his decision.

"I was somewhat surprised," said the Justice, "at the nerve of this man Appleby in trying to convince me that Prohibition agents are above the law. I asked him where he was from and he said he was from Oklahoma, which, I am informed, is his home. 'Well,' said I, 'I'm from Missouri. You've got to show me.'"

JAIL SIX SUSPECTS AT SANTA FE FOR DENVER ROBBERY

One of the Five Dollar Bills Stolen Discovered in Baltimore Restaurant.

SANTAFE, N. M., Dec. 23.—Six men with heavy suitcases, who arrived from Las Vegas in an automobile early this morning, are in the county jail pending investigation in connection with the robbery of the United States Federal Reserve Bank truck at Denver. The United States Marshal's office had received a tip from Las Vegas, and Deputy Goutchey and Assistant Attorney General Dugan of the Penitentiary, after observing the suspects at breakfast in a restaurant, took them into custody.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Discovery has been made here of one of the five dollar bills stolen by armed bandits in the raid of the United States Federal Reserve Bank truck at Denver last Monday. Police officials here declared to-day. The bill was passed in a downtown restaurant last night. The bill, bearing the serial number 20,540,569 of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, was given in payment of a meal at a Fayette Street restaurant between 4 P. M. yesterday and midnight. The cashier said he was unable to describe the person who tendered it.

CANDY STORE OWNER HELD AS BOOTLEGGER

Squads of Drunks in Vicinity Caused Police to Raid Place.

Alleged to have sold as much liquor as candy in his confectionery store at No. 215 West 57th Street, Michael Calise, thirty-four, of that address, was arraigned in the West Side Court to-day and held in \$500 bail for examination on Jan. 5. Numerous complaints have been made of late by officials of the New York Central Railroad Company that intoxicated men were seen in unprecedented numbers about the railroad yards at the foot of 57th Street. Accordingly, detectives entered Calise's store yesterday and say they found at least \$5,000 worth of liquor hidden behind a false wall. In the cellar they unearthed four barrels of wine—or something which tastes like wine.

MUCH SHAKING INJURES PRINCE OF WALES' HAND

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Anxiety is felt over the condition of the Prince of Wales's right hand, which is badly swollen and swollen to a dangerous size as a result of a serious strain of muscles brought on by shaking hands on his recent Indian tour. The Daily Express says:

The hand has troubled him at intervals ever since his return.

CHURCH HAS 'BOWL' ROOM FOR BABIES IN MERIDEN WITH TOYS N'EVERYTHING

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 23.—The problem of how to enjoy church with a child to care for has been solved by the bride of the Rev. Herbert K. Robinson, pastor of Trinity Church.

A check room for babies has been established in the church, equipped with toys, and young women of the parish have volunteered as nursemaids in the "bowl" room. More mothers are expected to attend service now.

ARREST JEWELLER BURGLAR CHARGES BOUGHT HIS LOOT

Prisoner, Once Victim of Hold-Up, Identified by "Matinee Burglar."

Benjamin Bernstein, a jeweler, No. 403 West 59th Street, who on Dec. 7 last was held up, robbed and shot by two thugs who escaped in a taxicab, was himself a prisoner in the West Side Court yesterday charged with receiving stolen goods.

Bernstein's examination was deferred until Jan. 6, and meanwhile he is held in \$5,000 bail, which was furnished. Detective Fitzgerald of the West 100th Street Station has been conducting a survey of the west side pawnshops and jewelry stores, according to Thomas Belford, No. 159 West 52d Street, known as "Matinee Burglar," and who now is trying to aid the police to recover some of the jewelry he is charged with having stolen from more than 100 apartments, including those of several movie stars.

Their quest for stolen jewelry led them to Bernstein's store, where Belford identified jewelry he said he sold to Bernstein, and Fitzgerald took the jeweler into custody. Belford is awaiting trial and trying to make all the restitution possible.

GOLDFISH SAVED; ALL ACCOUNTS AGREE; IN RESTAURANT FIRE

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are making up their minds to be boiled alive.

"And he hollers an order to the other firemen to do what he does and he takes off the helmet and dips it in the lake and saves two or three fish and the firemen all do the same thing and they take their helmets out and hold 'em in their hands until a waiter brings a pail of fresh cold water. There wasn't a fish lost."

"Say, mister, is that good?" In the meantime a veteran of the Evening World's staff had been on the way. "This is his report. 'Fire in a Christmas window display of Cadillac Restaurant, No. 1470 Broadway. Short circuit caused by transformer adjusting current for a miniature railway. The display, including two toy towns, some pine trees, and some canvas mountains, a total loss of about \$500 damage. Also the window curtains. Fire extinguished by Manager Solomon Heller, running his \$95 overcoat. There was a ton dispan in there used as a lake for a bunch of goldfish. A waiter carried that out before the fire was finally out. Fire out when city firemen arrived.'"

SIKI ATTACKS DECISION OF BOXING FEDERATION

Begin Legal Action for Restoration of Championship Title.

PARIS, Dec. 23 (Associated Press).—Battling Siki, former European heavyweight champion, has started legal proceedings against the French Boxing Federation, which recently deprived him of the title he won from Georges Carpentier and suspended him for nine months upon charges of various escapades brought against him by a number of French sportmen.

A summons has been served on Paul Rousseau, President of the Federation, directing him to produce within three days the records upon which Siki was disqualified. The document maintains that the Federation is without jurisdiction in any except purely boxing matters and that disqualification was based upon alleged conduct not related to boxing.

The Federation's decree was illegal in any case, Siki contends, because he was not allowed to give his testimony and the decision was never legally served upon him.

MRS. MAY B. FORD FREED, GIVING BAIL OF \$15,000

Charged With Trying to Hire Gunman to Kill Husband.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—Mrs. May B. Ford, greeted with a last-minute pardon to-day granted a last-minute pardon to her husband, John Panzer, of Detroit. The commutation of sentence is effective immediately.

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GIANT NEGRO HELD FOR AUTO HOLDUPS AND GIRL'S CHARGE

Terrorized Many on Highways, Police Say—Atlantic City Residents Roused.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 23.—Fearing that citizens might attempt to take the law into their own hands, police to-day took to the County Jail at May's Landing Livingston Drummond, a Negro, twenty-one, six feet four inches tall and weighing 215 pounds, who was held without bail here on charges of highway robbery, attacking a woman and attempted murder.

Motorists on highways leading into Atlantic City had been terrorized for the past two weeks by a burly Negro who had held them up and attacked members of their parties, and these motorists were in an ugly mood to-day following the arrest and identification of Drummond. According to the police, the culminating act of the Negro was an attack upon an eighteen-year-old girl after Harry Chester, her escort, had been rendered unconscious with a blackjack.

For the last few nights detectives dressed in women's clothes have been guarding the roads, and last night this resulted in Drummond's capture. Two of these detectives, one dressed as a woman, met Edward J. Ford, an Atlantic City contractor, returning home late and rode with him in the back seat of his automobile. They had not gone far when the negro loomed up out of the dark and aimed a terrific blow with a blackjack at Ford, who dodged it. The detectives rushed out and landed on the negro's back, and a few minutes later he was firmly shackled. Three hold-up victims later positively identified him.

NO "ALOOFNESS" ABOUT HIM, NEVER WAS, SAYS HARDING

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pendulum toward an interest in the affairs of Europe and the world generally has been gradual. The need for an export market, the hope that farm products will get higher prices if European purchasing power is restored, the natural expectation that higher farm products will remove the principal causes of discontent in the Middle West and take away the chief thorn in the side of the Republican Administration to-day—all this has made the foreign situation seem as important as a domestic problem.

Incidentally the attitude of the League of Nations supporters is not an uninteresting phase of the whole question. Two schools of thought favored the League as proposed by Mr. Wilson—the people who believed it was a step in the direction of world peace and an altruistic development of the American spirit of world helpfulness, which came to a climax in the European war itself, and the people who wanted the League established for economic reasons.

The international bankers of the world, the business men and financiers of Wall Street, the men vitally concerned with foreign trade—all these interests both in the United States and European countries saw in the League an instrument of economic co-operation. The latter class was to no small extent Republican in its political affiliation.

It's the economic school of thought which has succeeded to-day in grasping the facts of international co-operation to the attention of the Harding administration although the general feeling is still held without political entanglement remains the same as it did in 1920.

The White House and Department of State recognize the necessity of sitting in European councils, for economic reasons. There are many who believe that this in itself will satisfy many of the so-called "leaguers," especially those who always claimed they were never committed to the Wilson formula, but wanted some formula.

In place of the League of Nations to promote peace, Mr. Harding promised "an association of nations," and he offers the four-power pact idea and international conference as the best way to achieve that objective. He does not favor rigid and all-inclusive associations or leagues. As for economic co-operation, that is a practical question, in which no specific formula has been evolved, except to do for American interests all that can be done without committing the American people to an ultimate use of physical power to enforce obligations undertaken.

Those Democrats who favored the League of Nations for altruistic reasons, and those who favored it for economic reasons, are not opposing the evolution of Mr. Harding's policy though naturally they say it does not go far enough. They predict, of course, that the deeper he drives in European questions the more likely he is to come around into the view they held in 1919, but it is interesting to note that never since 1919 have both parties been so nearly in accord on what ought to be done in world affairs than they are to-day—both united in wanting Europe helped for the sake of America.

NATIONAL HEARE FILES ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Nation's Leaders in Stage, Art and Education Put Project Under Way.

(Special to The World.) ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Articles of Incorporation for the American National Theatre were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this morning by a representative from the office of William Klein, New York attorney. The incorporation papers were approved last evening by Supreme Court Justice Joseph E. Newburger in New York City and brought here to-day.

The six incorporators are Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, David Belasco, playwright, producer and manager; Otto H. Kahn, who was connected with the New Theatre and is the head of the Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Lee Shubert, Augustus Thomas, Executive Chairman of the P. P. Producing Managers' Association, and Whitney Warren, the architect. In addition to the incorporators, who are also producers, there are named thirty-four others prominent in theatrical and educational lines, making a total of forty directors, in whose control will be placed the activities of the American National Theatre.

Among the directors in addition to those who are incorporators are Winthrop Ames, George Horne Baker of Harvard, W. A. Brady, George Broadhurst, Richard Burton of the University of Minnesota, George M. Cohan, Samuel Harned Church of the Carnegie Institution, Owen Davis, John Drew, A. L. Erlanger, Daniel Frohman, Charles M. Gayley of the University of California, William Gillette, Fredrick H. Koch of the University of North Carolina, Brander Matthews of Columbia, Arthur Hopkins, William Klein, Henry Miller, Brock Pemberton, Franklin H. Sargent, Henry W. Sargent, Arthur Hobson Quinn of the University of Pennsylvania, Henry Van Dyke of Princeton, Edgar Selwyn, Otis Skinner, Booth Tarkington, William Lyon Phelps of Yale, L. Lawrence Weber and A. H. Wood. The purposes of the National Theatre as set forth by the articles are along the line that has been printed when the project was first announced by Mr. Thomas. One of the objects of the theatre will be to encourage the amateurs throughout the country and coordinate these dramatic clubs. These, it is said, will have the use of one or two Broadway theatres in a season so that these plays may be seen in smaller cities without having to wait years for them or until they are put in the movies.

It has been printed and not denied that Marjorie Rambeau will be the first star to be taken under the wing of the American National Theatre, and that she will be starred as Rosalind in a production of "As You Like It" in New York the present season.

JURY FINDS WIFE SLAYER IS GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE

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toward the jury box as Foreman Charles S. Oppenheim reported the verdict, and when he heard it, blinked his eyes and swallowed. This was the nearest he came to a display of concern over his conviction. His voice was clear as he answered the customary routine questions of Judge Gibbs as to pedigree. Then he turned to the keepers to be led back to jail. Before the jury was ready to report he was whistling in his cell, and according to jail attendants expected acquittal or disagreement.

Despite the unusual hour, more than one hundred persons, including several women, were waiting in the court room for the verdict. Judge Gibbs had admonished the spectators to make no demonstration, so the verdict was received in silence. While there was little comment as the spectators filed out, it was apparent the verdict was expected and approved.

The jury cast three ballots, the first standing eight for first degree murder, one for second and three for acquittal. There was a slight change on the second ballot, and the third was unanimous. The verdict came just twenty-three days after Mrs. Becker's body was found.

HARDING COMMUTES SENTENCE OF PANCR

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POPE MAY CALL WORLD COUNCIL FOR JUBILEE YEAR

Encyclical Says It Would Be Continuation of 1870 Catholic Gathering.

ROME, Dec. 23 (Associated Press).—The probability that the Pope will call a meeting of the entire Roman Catholic Episcopacy in Rome during the next jubilee year was announced in the Papal encyclical issued to-day. Such a meeting would be a continuation of the Ecumenical Council which was held in Rome in 1870.

Pope Pius's encyclical recalls the recent conflicts in Italy and the efforts of the Church to quiet them. Among the peaceful events of recent years it calls attention to the Twenty-sixth Ecumenical Congress and the great religious manifestation attendant upon the transportation of the image of the virgin from Rome to Loretto.

The letter, enumerating present world evils, which, it says, are caused by a greed for material things, says that the remedy is chiefly to be found in a return to Christ, which means peace, justice and love among all peoples, respect for order and authority and combating materialism as well as teaching true democracy and brotherhood.

Pope Pius announces the probability of his summoning a meeting of the entire Roman Catholic Episcopacy of the world in Rome in the course of his approaching jubilee year as a continuation of the Ecumenical Council at the Vatican held here in 1870.

The Pontiff praises efforts at universal pacification. He condemns divorce, modern dances and immodest fashions. The encyclical expresses the hope that all those who are still outside the Church of Christ may enter it. The Pope says he is encouraged in this hope by the fact that nearly all the states of the world have entered into relations with the Apostolic See. He regrets that Italy, his country and the seat of the Papacy, is not among these, and protests against the situation of the Holy See in this country, which, he says, has nothing to fear from it.

The encyclical ends with an exhortation to prayer and with the bestowal of the Apostolic benediction.

AMERICAN WAR HERO BAYONETTED BY TURKS

Cambridge, Mass. Frontiers in Hospital at Athens.

Copyright, 1922 (New York Evening World), Press Publishing Company. ATHENS, Dec. 23.—Alexander Pliandes of Cambridge, Mass., who owns a fruit store on the Harvard campus, is in a hospital here after being a prisoner of the Turks six weeks many miles back of Smyrna. Pliandes, honorably discharged from the United States Army, with two war medals, went to Smyrna to settle a business belonging to his wife.

The Turks refused to believe Pliandes an American citizen. They took his money, clothing and shoes and forced him to tramp barefoot seven days with 800 other prisoners. Twice his captors thrust a bayonet into him and hit him with rifle butts to make him walk faster. The American Consul at Smyrna obtained his release.

WON'T REOPEN SOMERSET DEPORTATION CASE

Actor's Counsel Merely Going Over Records, Officially Asserts.

With reference to the Washington despatch in the morning papers stating that immigration officials would reopen the case of Pat Somerset, against whom deportation proceedings were brought, H. D. Landers, Assistant Commissioner of Immigration, stated to-day the case would not be reopened. He said this report grew out of the fact that the New York attorneys representing Somerset had been granted the privilege of going over the records and that the documents have been received in New York from Washington for this purpose.

FASCISTI GIVE DOSE OF CASTOR OIL TO CONTY

Republican Drunks From Bottle Tendered Him, Bows Then Out.

ROME, Dec. 23.—A body of Fascist to-day gave a dose of castor oil to the Republican Deputy, Conty, because of his attacks on the Fascists. An eye-witness declared the group entered Conty's house, cut the telephone wire, and handed him a bottle of the oil, saying:

"Drink."

Conty calmly raised the bottle to his lips and swallowed the dose. He then politely inquired if his visitors desired anything else. They said "No," so he courteously bowed them out.

ALL U. S. TROOPS ON HOME FRONT RED CROSS ROLL CALL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Every officer and man in the American Army of Occupation in Germany has signed the Christmas roll call of the Red Cross, headquarters of the organization here announced to-day.

WAGES OF FACTORY WORKERS OF STATE ARE STILL GOING UP

Average Shows Weekly Gain of 43 Cents Over October, Labor Department Announces.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.—The average weekly wage of factory employees is still going up, according to a statement issued by the State Labor Department to-day.

For the month of November the average wage was \$26.04, the department announced, which was a gain of 43 cents a week over October and \$1.72 over November of a year ago. Not only are wages going up, but there is a steady gain in employment, the department said.

N. Y. CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH 'SPIRIT OF GIVING'

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Humane Society. The cats at this affair consist of a sack of horse feed, with apples, sugar and carrots on the side.

Five hundred needy children living in the vicinity of the West 37th Street Police Station, now occupied by Mrs. George W. Loft, Fifth Deputy Commissioner, were the guests this afternoon in the station, where each received a pair of shoes, a box of candy, ice cream and apples, and each girl received a doll. None of the 500 recognized Capt. John Amon, who acted as Santa Claus.

A beautiful tree was hung with the gifts, and children performers, including singers and dancers from some of the leading theatres, provided the entertainment. The names of the 500 were obtained by assistants of Mrs. Loft, who went to the public and parochial schools in the neighborhood and secured the names of the poorest among their scholars. Those who needed shoes headed the list.

The New York Institute for the Blind, No. 111 East 59th Street, will entertain a troop of blind Boy Scouts and Greenwich House has planned a party for the nursery school.

Every man, woman and child in the various wards of Bellevue Hospital will receive a box on Christmas Day and a play, "The Nativity," will be given to-morrow night on the hospital grounds.

Vincent Astor, through the Social Service Bureau, distributed 1,000 Christmas baskets, City Clerk Michael J. Cruise will distribute 500 Christmas baskets at the Tammany Central Association, No. 226 East 33rd Street, and the U. S. Veterans' Hospital, No. 130 West Kingsbridge Road, has arranged an elaborate Christmas program for its inmates.

Gen. and Mrs. Christopher Booth announced that the Prince of Greece and his wife, the former Mrs. Leeds, will deliver the first two Christmas baskets of the hundreds that the Volunteers of America will distribute on Sunday afternoon in Madison Square Garden.

William H. Flood of No. 25 Broadway, President of the Todd Shipyard Corporation, was Santa Claus to more than 3,000 children living in the vicinity of the company's shipyards in Brooklyn, Mobile, Ala., Seattle and Tacoma, Wash. Nearly 1,000 children of the west side were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Campbell at a Christmas party at the Funeral Church, Broadway and 46th. A vaudeville show followed.

"Uncle" Robert Spero of Long Branch, N. J., will give gifts to over 2,000 children to-day. He will have a tree forty feet high and a band to entertain his guests.

The American Legion, through the efforts of Albert E. Callan, New York State commander, has planned to have a comrades visit every one of the 3,200 ex-service men in the hospitals of the State Christmas Day. The American Legion county commission has planned dinners, baskets and gifts for wounded ex-service men. The United States Veterans' Hospital No. 81, in the Bronx, has arranged for a special Christmas dinner and musical program.

With 2,000 families under its care, the Charity Organization Society will give parties to them. The Knights of Columbus will distribute baskets to-day and will provide entertainments at orphan asylums and other institutions.

Plans have been made for the city's hospitals and penal institutions. Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare, will arrange for distributing presents in each hospital. Francis D. Gallatin, Park Commissioner, will have a festival for 2,000 park playground children at the Palm Garden next Thursday.

James A. Hamilton, Correction Commissioner, has promised his prisoners a special Christmas dinner and the Parole Commission will take care of dependent families of prisoners. Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, yesterday made an appeal for presents for sick children in hospitals.

More than 1,000 children of the west side have been invited to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Campbell at the Campbell Funeral Church, Broadway and 46th Street, at a party this afternoon.

The Rescue Society of Chinatown will have a celebration to-night. Several hundred homeless men will be fed on Christmas Eve and on Christmas night, while the Women's Branch at No. 101 West Street will entertain friends.

There will be entertainments for the benefit of the poor children of the city Christmas Day aboard the super-dreadnaught Arkansas, Maryland and Wyoming.

President Ralph Peters of the Long

RECORD-BREAKING HOLIDAY TRAFFIC JAMS CITY LINES

"All N. Y. Going Away, Res. of Country Coming In," Says Statement.

New York never before saw such holiday crowds as have been pouring through the city, into the city, out of the city, these last few days reaching the peak of congestion to-day.

The subways, elevated lines, surface cars, buses and taxicabs never were so taxed. And the steam railroads were so overloaded that the New York Central issued a statement that "it looks as if all New York were trying to get away for Christmas, while the rest of the country is endeavoring to get into the metropolis."

More than 130,000 passengers used the Grand Central Terminal to-day and other stations were similarly crowded. Extra trains and hundreds of extra Pullmans are being used.

The Interborough and B. R. T. are using every available piece of equipment